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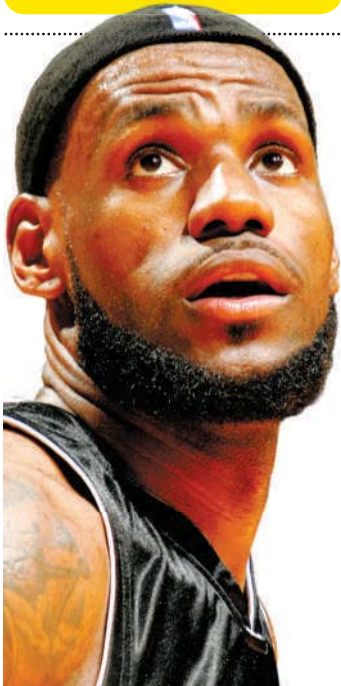
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In Brief

PHOENIX

Ex-Giffords Aide to Run For Her House Seat

Barber

Democrat Ron Barber, a top aide to former representative Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., announced Thursday he will seek to replace her in a special election. Barber said Giffords and her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, asked him to run. (AP)

SAN DIEGO

Marines Posed With Nazi Symbol in Afghanistan

The U.S. Marine Corps confirmed Thursday that a sniper team in Afghanistan posed for a photograph in late 2010 in front of a flag with a logo resembling that of the notorious Nazi SS. Use of the SS symbol is not acceptable, and the Marine Corps has addressed the issue, Lt. Col. Stewart Upton said in a statement. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

L.A. School Reopens Amid Sex Abuse Scandal

After being closed for two days to replace the entire 120-member staff amid a sexual abuse investigation following the arrest of two teachers, Miramonte Elementary School in Los Angeles reopened Thursday with new teachers. (AP)

Rules Shift for Women in Combat

Pentagon's new plans to include jobs closer to war's front lines

Washington

The Pentagon is unveiling plans Thursday to allow women to serve in thousands of military jobs closer to the front lines, reflecting the realities of the last decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Defense officials say the new rules will still mean that women are barred from serving as infantry, in the Navy SEALs or Army Delta Force — considered the most dangerous combat jobs. But the changes will open the door for more opportunities and promotions for women by allowing them to perform jobs they are already performing, but in battalions, which are closer to the fighting and once considered too dangerous for women.

Defense officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the report had not yet been released.

A 1994 combat exclusion policy bans women from being assigned to ground combat units below the



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

U.S. Marine Female Engagement Team members patrol Afghanistan in 2010. The Pentagon will soon allow women in combat to serve closer to the front lines.

14%

The portion of the nation's armed forces that women make up — roughly 200,000 in the active-duty force of 1.43 million. (AP)

brigade level. A brigade is roughly 3,500 troops split into several battalions of about 800 soldiers each. In the past decade, the necessities

of war propelled women into jobs such as medics, military police and intelligence officers, and they were sometimes attached — but not formally assigned — to battalions. So while a woman couldn't be assigned as an infantryman in a battalion going out on patrol, she could fly the helicopter supporting the unit, or move in to provide medical aid if troops were injured.

"We believe that it's very impor-

Opening Doors

The latest changes for women in the military, which open up as many as 14,000 additional jobs for women, would have the greatest effect on the Army and Marine Corps. Those two services ban women from more jobs than the Navy and Air Force do, largely because of the infantry positions. The Pentagon report will be sent to Congress on Thursday, and if lawmakers take no action after 30 workdays, the policy will take effect. (AP)

tant to explore ways to offer more opportunities to women in the military," Pentagon press secretary George Little said. "This review has been thorough and extensive," with input from all military branches.

The Service Women's Action Network's response was mixed.

"This is a huge step in the right direction," said Anu Bhagwati, former Marine Corps captain and executive director of the network. However, she said it was "extremely disappointing" that the ban would continue on women becoming infantry. LOLITA C. BALDOR (AP)



Hitting a New Low: A new Gallup poll shows Congress' approval rating has actually hit a new all-time low of 10 percent, despite some positive signs for the economy recently. That's down from the previous record of 11 percent, set just two months ago. Meanwhile, a record-high 86 percent of Americans continue to say they disapprove of Congress' job performance. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Change of Focus

Eastman Kodak Co. said Thursday it will stop making digital cameras, pocket video cameras and digital picture frames. Among the items it will keep are disposable cameras; camera equipment and batteries; and photo scanners and supplies. (AP)

10 States Can Drop 'No Child' Law

Washington

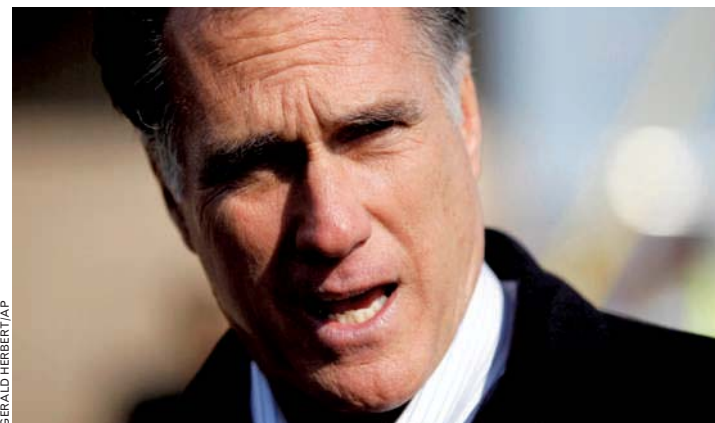
President Obama on Thursday declared that 10 states are free from the No Child Left Behind law, allowing them to scrap some of the most rigorous and unpopular mandates in American education. In exchange, the states are promising higher standards and more creative ways to measure what students are learning.

"We can combine greater freedom with greater accountability,"

Obama said.

The first 10 states to be declared free from the landmark education law are Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Tennessee. The only state that applied and did not get it, New Mexico, is working to get approval.

A total of 28 other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have signaled that they, too, plan to flee the law in favor of their own plans. BEN FELLER (AP)



GERALD HERBERT/AP

In Maine, Mitt Romney's television presence has been virtually nonexistent.

Lack of Maine Ads May Hurt Romney

Candidate could face a fourth defeat in Saturday's caucus

New York

Mitt Romney is in danger of losing his fourth-straight state in Saturday's caucuses in Maine, where he and his allies have been all but absent from TV.

That's no coincidence.

Over the past month, he has won in states where he and an allied super PAC, called Restore Our Future, have pounded his rivals with millions of dollars in negative ads. But he has tended to lose big when he has stopped using his power to crush other contenders by spending a ton of money — particularly on TV.

After defeats Tuesday in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri, Romney's campaign is bracing for the possibility of more bad news in Maine, where Republicans will announce the results of a weeklong series of caucuses Saturday and

Game Plan

Expectations

Mitt Romney is making a campaign stop in Maine on Friday evening in hopes of warding off another blow in a state practically in his backyard. His advisers are downplaying expectations for Maine. They privately acknowledge that Ron Paul has devoted far more energy there, and they expect the Texas congressman to win or place a strong second. (AP)

where Romney's TV presence has been virtually nonexistent.

"Romney has been the presumed front-runner, which means he's walking around with a big target on his back. So unless he or a super PAC is on the air critiquing the other candidates, voters aren't going to hear a lot of negative messages about them," said Seth Maske, an associate professor of political science at the University of Denver. BETH FOUHY (AP)



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World

Greece Touts Long-Awaited Debt Deal

Eurozone officials to scrutinize plan, taking cautious tone

Frankfurt, Germany

More than two years after it came clean about its addiction to debt, Greece may finally have begun its long, painful road to recovery.

The deal that Greece's fractious political leaders struck Thursday includes a 22 percent cut in the monthly minimum wage to \$780, layoffs for 15,000 civil servants and an end to dozens of job guarantee provisions to help save the country from a default that could shock the global financial system.

Still, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble said more

work had to be done to fulfill the conditions for a bailout. "The agreement, as far as I understand, is not at a stage where it can be signed off," he said.

The deal, under negotiation since July, is one of two critical steps Greece must take to receive a \$170 billion bailout from other countries in Europe and around the world. It was announced by Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos' office and will be scrutinized during talks in Brussels between eurozone finance ministers.

In addition to the fiscal auster-

48

The number of hours in the strike called for by unions this weekend to oppose Greece's planned cuts.

Romania Reboots

Romania's Parliament on Thursday approved a government led by Prime Minister Mihai Razvan Ungureanu, left, and he vowed to keep up the austerity moves but to raise public-sector salaries as soon as he can. The change of government became necessary Monday, when Emil Boc, who had served as Romania's prime minister since 2008, resigned after weeks of protests over austerity cuts. (AP)



Italy Forges On

Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti has slashed pensions and begun a broad economic restructuring to prove his country is serious about its debt. Monti, who arrived in the U.S. Thursday for an official visit with President Obama, has begun pressing what he sees as the region's next battle: finding ways to renew growth. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



ity mandated by the EU, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, Greece is close to an agreement with private investors who hold nearly two-thirds of its debt to sharply reduce the country's borrowing costs.

Greece has been under immense pressure to reach a rescue deal, as a March 20 default looms.

The bailout will ease some of the uncertainty that has unsettled Europe and the world financial system for more than two years.

While the immediate danger appears to have passed, it is unclear whether Greece has won enough debt relief to fix its finances for good. The country remains in a deep recession, and unemployment is 20.9 percent after the economy's third straight year of decline. (AP)

In Brief

CAIRO

Top Islamist Party Urges Ouster of Government

Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood called Thursday on the ruling generals to sack the military-appointed government, saying it has failed to manage the deteriorating security and economic situation in the country. The Islamic fundamentalist party controls nearly 50 percent of the seats in the new parliament. (AP)

NAIROBI, KENYA

Al-Qaeda Chief Embraces Somali Militant Group



al-Zawahiri

The Somali militant group al-Shabab has formally joined al-Qaeda, according to a video translation released Thursday of a message from al-Qaeda's leader.

Ayman al-Zawahiri gave the "glad tidings," the 15-minute video translation by the Site Intelligence group said. (AP)

Besieged Syrians Issue Pleas for Medical Aid

Beirut

Between blasts of rockets and mortar fire, Syrians used loudspeakers to call for blood donations and medical supplies Thursday in the stricken city of Homs, where a weeklong government offensive has created a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Regime forces are trying to crush pockets of resistance in Homs, the epicenter of an 11-month-old uprising that has brought the country ever closer to civil war.

"Anything that moves, even a bird, is targeted. Life is completely cut off," said Abu Muhammad Ibrahim, an activist in Homs.

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed since early Saturday in the heaviest attack the city has endured since the uprising began in March, activists said.



Mourners in Idlib, Syria, carry the body of a 10-year-old during a funeral procession Thursday for people slain in recent clashes.

The Syrian regime's crackdown has left it isolated internationally as nations have imposed sanctions and withdrawn diplomats. In the latest action, Libya on Thursday gave Syria's top envoy to the coun-

try and embassy staff 72 hours to leave, a Libyan official said.

An Arab League official said the group will discuss Sunday whether to recognize the opposition Syrian National Council as the legitimate

representative of Syria.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon said the Arab League plans to send observers back into Syria and has raised the possibility of a joint mission with the U.N. (AP)



The Popular Con: Spaniards have a colorful history of ripping each other off, and con artists are met not so much with disdain as a hint of amusement or begrudging respect. But, experts say, the economic crisis is spawning a new breed of shyster: everyday Spaniards reporting valuables stolen and filing bogus insurance claims. In 2010, fraudulent claims jumped 16 percent from the year before, a federation of Spanish insurance companies say. (AP)

Hearsay



“I said: ‘There’s no way that you could know that unless you have been listening to my messages.’ And he laughed.”

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N. Korea to Open Massive Hotel 23 Years Late

Intended as a symbol of grandeur, building evokes shortcomings

Seoul, South Korea

North Korea’s Ryugyong Hotel ranks among the world’s most remarkable, and mockable, buildings. It’s taller than New York’s Chrysler Building and wider at its base than an average city block. It looks like a rocket ship, casting a jagged shadow over Pyongyang.

But it has never opened for business, which is why outsiders have viewed it as an emblem of North Korea’s broader failures. A crane remained at the top, a reminder

1987

The year work began on North Korea’s 105-story Ryugyong Hotel in Pyongyang. It took more than two decades to finish the project. (TWP)

of grand plans gone bust.

“It was the hotel with the iconic crane,” said Simon Cockerell of Beijing-based Koryo Tours. “It dominated the skyline.”

Several years ago, Esquire magazine called it “the worst building in the history of mankind.”

This spring, though, Yonhap news agency in Seoul says, it will partially open, 23 years behind schedule. Initially, it might be an



Pyongyang’s Ryugyong Hotel, which is expected to open soon, has become a symbol of North Korea’s failures.

office complex, but, eventually, travel agents say, the Ryugyong will open for tourists.

As North Korea apparently intends it, the building’s completion marks the literal high point of a major push to spruce up the capital and show off self-described economic strength. The reality: The state-run economy barely functions, and the regime relied on outside investment to finish the hotel.

Still, the planned opening illustrates North Korea’s resourcefulness. But Cockerell mentioned a “common rumor” that many middle floors will be vacant, with the bottom used for hotel rooms and the top for restaurants. CHICO HARLAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Need to Venti?

It wasn't one sip. I would have let that go. It was sip after sip after sip. So I turned to the guy sitting next to me downing his coffee on a Red Line train to Shady Grove, and as politely as I could manage, I said, "Hey, maybe you didn't know this, but you can get fined for drinking on the Metro."

Perhaps expecting a thank-you for the warning was too much, but I definitely didn't deserve the look of disdain I got. That's why I couldn't stop myself from following up with, "Because it can spill and stain and attract rats, and that's just not cool." Apparently, questioning this 20-some-

thing's cool touched a nerve. "I never spill," he replied, and then took another sip.

That would have been the ideal moment to give him a sharp jab to prove that his luck could change, but as a transit rider who appreciates a clean car, I kept my elbows to myself. And instead, I'm dedicating

this column to him and his ilk.

A lot of people break the rules against eating and drinking on Metro, but no one bugs me as much as the smug mug holders. The tourists who do it are ignorant. The teenagers who do it are insolent (or, in other words, teenagers). But the commuters who caffeinate every morning during rush hour should know better.



By Vicky Hallett

They set a bad example not just for tourists and teenagers, but also for the rest of us. See enough people taking hits of Starbucks and you'll want to do it, too. It's not that we don't crave an occasional beverage on the train, but we abstain in the name of the greater good. All of these sip, sip, sippers wear down our willpower.

The most irritating thing is that they don't seem to recognize that they're doing anything wrong at all. Most snackers have the decency to sneak around, but the coffee clutches brazenly break the rules as if there were different laws when it comes to lattes.

I worry I'm sounding like a scold. I recognize that some people have epic journeys and get hungry and thirsty. In the summer months, drinking water can be a matter of safety. (And it's way less gross than the sweat everyone else is leaving on their seats.) That's law-breaking I can get behind.

But do you really need that coffee to live? Some people would say yes. I say shut your mouth — and your lid.

Riders' Pretax Benefits May Increase

Transportation

Metro commuters might have a chance at getting their pretax benefits restored to higher levels.

There is a push to extend pretax transit benefits for a year so that they would be in line with the benefits for parking in the surface transportation bill now before the Senate.

The pretax transit benefits had expired at the end of last year, allowing commuters to put only \$125 a month aside for transit use. That amount had fallen from \$230. Pretax parking benefits, however, rose from \$230 a month to \$240 a month. The proposal would make pretax benefits for parking and transit equal at \$240 a month.

Metro and public transportation advocacy groups have said the pretax transit benefits keep more riders on buses and trains, and out of cars.

About 256,000 people in the area are registered for Metro's SmartBenefits program, which allows transit benefits to be assigned to SmartTrip cards. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

ROCKVILLE

Ex-Teacher Charged With Sexual Abuse of Minor



Campbell

Montgomery County police on Thursday charged a former female teacher at Montrose Christian School in Rockville with carrying on a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old male student, authorities said. Police arrested Ashley Jean Campbell, 27, who now lives in Cochranville, Pa., on two counts of sexual abuse of a minor and two counts a fourth-degree sex offense, police said. (TWP)

BETHESDA

Roadwork Set to Begin In Bethesda, Chevy Chase

Traffic in lower Montgomery County will become even worse in the coming months when a roadwork construction project gets under way. The Washington Post reports that in a few weeks, work will begin in a key part of Rockville Pike and Connecticut Avenue in Bethesda and Chevy Chase. Officials say they will be adding mostly turn lanes and short segments of lanes to move traffic through intersections more quickly. (AP)

ARLINGTON

Paramedic Dies After Fall From Overpass

Authorities say a paramedic has died after falling from an overpass in Northern Virginia while responding to a vehicle fire. Arlington County police spokesman Dustin Sternbeck says the paramedic, 33-year-old Joshua Weissman, died Thursday at Washington Hospital Center. Weissman, of Bristow, Va., was a seven-year veteran of the Alexandria Fire Department. (AP)

\$1.1M

The amount the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission is providing to improve access to medical and dental care statewide, Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown said. (AP)

Witness: Love in Distress at Party

Former student says Huguely attacked ex at February '10 event

Charlottesville, Va.

A student who attended a February 2010 party at the University of Virginia testified that he heard a woman's voice yelling, "Help me, help me" and opened a door to see George Huguely V with his arm around Yeardeley Love's neck.

Michael Burns, who then attended the University of North Carolina, said Huguely was on a bed and Love was on top of him.

He said that after he entered

the room, Huguely let go and rolled over, and a distraught Love ran out.

"She just said, 'Thank you so much,'" Burns said. "She also said she couldn't breathe. She was hysterically crying."



Love

Prosecutors allege that only months after the incident Burns claims to have witnessed, an angry Huguely kicked through Love's door and that her head banged against the wall as he shook her. Defense attorneys said a drunk Huguely just

"She just said, 'Thank you so much.' She also said she couldn't breathe."

— MICHAEL BURNS, A FORMER UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA STUDENT WHO SAYS HE SAW GEORGE HUGUELY ATTACKING YEARDLEY LOVE AT A 2010 PARTY.

wanted to talk, and that Love's head never struck the wall.

Huguely, 24, is accused of killing Yeardeley Love in May 2010 by slamming her head against a wall. He has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

During cross-examination, Francis McQ. Lawrence asked Burns about an account of the incident he gave to police after Love's death. From the witness stand, Burns said he was certain about his recollection. "I know for sure that his arm was around her neck," he said.

Lawrence also questioned Burns about his romantic contact with Love, who was 22 when she died. Burns testified the two were not romantic but had gotten together once in 2008 and again about two weeks before her death. He described them as friends. JENNA JOHNSON AND MARY PAT FLAHERTY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

McPherson Square Before and After



NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



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THE GRASS AT MCPHERSON SQUARE HAS TAKEN A BEATING since the Occupy D.C. movement set up camp there last year. Left: Tents are up at 14th and K streets NW on Oct. 1, 2011. Right: National Park Service workers remove debris from the same site on Feb. 5, 2012. In 2010, the Department of Interior awarded more than \$400,000 in stimulus funds to refurbish benches and to install new trash cans, light fixtures and grass at the park. The work was finished in spring 2011.



Jurassic Theme Park: A Tyrannosaurus Rex is coming to Hanover County, Va. But there's no reason to be alarmed. This T-Rex is made of fiberglass and steel. The Hanover County Board of Supervisors has approved a special exception allowing Kings Dominion to put up a 24-foot tall, 59-foot long T-Rex sign along State Route 30. The 3-D sign will promote a new animatronic dinosaur exhibit at the theme park. (AP)

Rate Hike Gets OK From Cab Commission

Washington

The D.C. Taxicab Commission has modified an earlier proposal and approved a rate hike that would cost riders \$2.16 per mile, a 66-cent per-mile rate increase over the current \$1.50-per-mile rate.

Riders would also have to pay 50 cents for each piece of luggage placed in the trunk, a surcharge that had been eliminated in the commission's December proposal.

The commission approved the increase Wednesday evening, and the new plan will go into effect in 30 days unless it's altered.

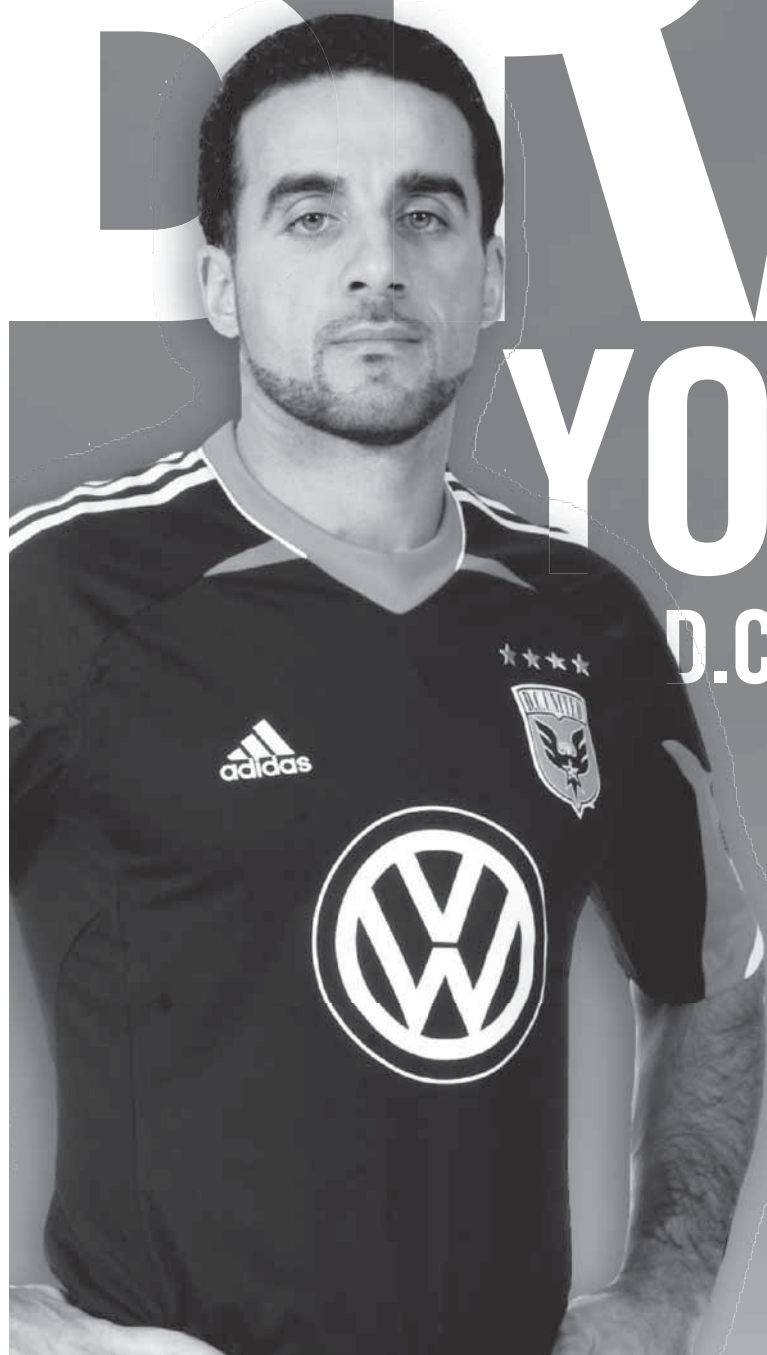
In recent weeks, D.C. Council member Mary M. Cheh, D-Ward 3, and Mayor Vincent C. Gray, a Democrat, have been trying to reform D.C.'s taxi service.

KATIE ROGERS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Foreclosure Deal Reached

U.S. touts a \$26B settlement with 5 banks linked to the housing crisis

Washington

State and federal officials on Thursday announced a settlement of more than \$26 billion with five of the nation's banks over flawed and fraudulent foreclosure practices that affected several million homeowners and became commonplace after the housing boom turned to bust in recent years. It is the largest government-industry settlement in more than a decade.

The deal marks the culmination of more than 16 months of negotiations between lenders and a collection of state and federal officials. It aims to help troubled borrowers by requiring the banks to reduce the amount borrowers owe on their mortgages, lowering their interest rates and paying restitution to homeowners who suffered mortgage-related abuses. It will force lenders to revamp how they interact with struggling mortgage holders and bar them from trying to foreclose on borrowers while simultaneously negotiating mortgage modifications.

In addition, companies will have to make sure borrowers have a sin-

gle point of contact with a lender, rather than being shuttled to different employees with each interaction.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced the deal — which he called the largest joint federal-state civil settlement in history — at a morning news conference attended by top federal housing and finance officials, and attorneys general from many states. Holder excoriated lenders for behaviors that he said “pushed borrowers into foreclosure” and “fueled the downward spiral of our economy.”

President Obama added that the country can “begin to turn the page on an era of recklessness that has left so much damage in its wake.”

Federal and state officials announced at a news conference that 49 states had joined the settlement. Oklahoma announced a separate deal with the five banks at the heart of the settlement: Wells Fargo, Bank of America, J.P. Morgan Chase,

Not Enough?
Consumer advocates and housing activists said the foreclosure deal is flawed because it covers only a fraction of at-risk homeowners. Critics note that the settlement will apply only to privately held mortgages issued from 2008 through 2011. Banks own about half of all U.S. mortgages — roughly 30 million loans. Those owned by mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are not covered by the deal. (AP)

“The deal announced today is too small. It falls far short of providing real justice for homeowners and American families.”

— PICO NATIONAL NETWORK, A FAITH-BASED GROUP THAT IS ACTIVE ON HOUSING ISSUES

Breaking Down The Foreclosure Deal

Relief The settlement also includes about \$17 billion toward foreclosure-prevention measures, such as lowering the loan balance for borrowers who owe more than their homes are worth.

Payouts As many as 750,000 borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure since 2008 would be eligible for payouts of about \$2,000 each, without surrendering the right to join future lawsuits.

Timetable Banks would have three years to complete principal writedowns, refinancings and other relief. But officials said they structured the deal so that it provides incentives for actions taken within the first 12 months. This way, the aid can get to homeowners sooner rather than later. (TWP)

Ally Financial and Citigroup.

The banks faced a public uproar in late 2010 when it became clear that the legal paperwork they had filed in numerous foreclosures included flawed and fraudulent documentation. In many cases, because of the way in which loans were hastily packaged and sold to investors, banks had difficulty verifying ownership of the underlying mortgages.

Under the massive settlement, homeowners in the District will be eligible for up to \$40 million. Maryland will receive about \$960 million, and Virginia will receive \$479.6 million in relief.

The settlement — the biggest involving a single industry since the \$206 billion multistate tobacco deal in 1998 — could grow in size and scope if officials can sign on an additional nine mortgage servicing companies that they've been negotiating with in recent weeks. That

would bring the number of banks participating to 14, and could raise the face value of the settlement to about \$30 billion.

Manuel Ochoa, regional director of homeownership at the Latino Economic Development Corp., which offers foreclosure counseling in the Washington area, said that most of the company's clients would likely not benefit from the aid, because they have fallen behind on their mortgage payments.

“There is going to be relief for a lot of middle-class folks who, through tooth and nail, have been making payments. Those people are finally going to get some relief,” Ochoa said. “But for the people who have fallen behind and still need help because they are under water, it remains to be seen exactly how they are going to benefit from this settlement.”

BRADY DENNIS AND SARI HORWITZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Key Win for Obama

The foreclosure deal grew out of long-running negotiations with state officials, stretching more than 500 days, and came after key holdout states, including California and New York, agreed to sign on. The participation of California and New York helped ensure a key election-year victory for the Obama administration, which has been intent on finalizing an agreement that officials argued would deliver much-needed aid to ailing homeowners. The backing of California and New York also means a much larger settlement than banks otherwise would have been willing to sign. (TWP)



sports

Will the Redskins bring in Peyton Manning? Not if they're smart. | 14



TV Lineup



The Caps face off against the Rangers on national TV in a Sunday matinee.

Friday

7 P.M. The Wizards welcome LeBron James and the Miami Heat to town. CSN

7:30 P.M. Two of the D.C.-area's best prep teams tip off when Gonzaga faces DeMatha. ESPN2

8 P.M., 10:30 P.M. The New York Knicks play the Los Angeles Lakers and the Utah Jazz host the Oklahoma City Thunder. ESPN

Saturday

7 A.M. Manchester United hosts Liverpool in the Premier League. ESPN2

1 P.M. Virginia's men's basketball team takes on North Carolina, which lost a heartbreaker to Duke on Wednesday night. Fox5

4 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball team aims for an upset against arch-rival Duke. ESPN

7 P.M. George Mason visits UNC-Wilmington in a CAA hoops contest. MASN

Sunday

12:30 P.M. The Capitals face off against the New York Rangers. NBC4

1 P.M. Georgetown's men's basketball team tries to rebound from its loss at Syracuse against St. John's. ESPN2

2:30 P.M. Maryland's women's basketball team takes on ACC powerhouse Miami. ESPN2

6 P.M. Virginia Tech's men's basketball visits Boston College. ESPN2

6 P.M. The Wizards visit the Detroit Pistons. CSN

Step by Step

UMd. hopes to build off its close games with a win at Duke

Terps Men's Hoops

The Comcast Center pulsed with anticipation when Maryland took a second-half lead against Duke late last month. It was equally raucous a week later when Maryland led North Carolina late in a game.

Both times, fans sensed a breakthrough, a rite of passage for a team from which mediocrity was expected. But twice, disappointed fans filed into the concourses after the games, drained and puzzled by the cruel twists that kept their team from a season-altering victory.



The men's basketball program essentially hit the reset button last spring with the retirement of Gary Williams and the enlistment of new coach Mark Turgeon. The Terrapins are not the hapless bunch they seemed to be in early fall — they've won some and lost some — but against top-tier teams, it's been nothing but losses. Mostly respectable losses, but losses nonetheless.

"I keep telling the kids they should still be full of confidence, even though we're not winning, because they're playing better," Turgeon said. "They're competing, they're playing on a much higher level, and if we keep that same approach, good things will eventually happen for us."

The Terrapins (14-9, 4-5 ACC) are 0-3 against Top 25 teams, and they'll



Maryland center Berend Weijs dunks in Maryland's 74-61 loss to Duke last month.

9,406

The average attendance at ACC men's basketball games this year, through Wednesday's games. If the trend holds, it will be the ACC's lowest average since 1985 and the first time it has been under 10,000 since 1989. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

face currently ranked opponents in four of their final seven regular-season games, beginning Saturday at No. 10 Duke. Maryland also plays No. 5 North Carolina on the road and will face No. 19 Virginia twice.

Long-shot hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament likely hinge on the ability to score a pair of signature wins in the season's final weeks, though a strong run in the ACC Tournament would also help Maryland's case.

After each loss to a ranked team this season, the Terrapins followed up with a victory in their next game, including Tuesday against Clemson, the team's first win on an opponent's home court. "Now we don't have to listen to everyone say, 'They're going for their first road win,'" Turgeon said. "We got that behind us."

Four of Maryland's final seven games, including three of the four against ranked teams, will be on the road.

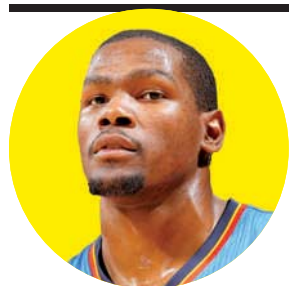
"We're laying a great foundation for the future," Turgeon said. "There's a fine line between winning and losing, and right now we're on the bottom of that line. But someday we're going to be above it and it will be a lot of fun."

DEREK TURNER



Maryland to See Less of Duke

The additions of Pittsburgh and Syracuse to the ACC will deal a blow to Maryland's rivalry with Duke, ending the annual tradition of a home-and-home series between the teams. In a three-year cycle, they will play each other once a year twice, and twice a year once. Increasing the league 14 teams called for scheduling concessions and the ACC opted to pair each team with a permanent rival. Those teams will play twice each year. Duke's rival, naturally, is North Carolina. Maryland drew Pittsburgh, though the teams have only met seven times. Maryland won five of those games. It's not yet been determined when the two Big East defectors will begin play in the ACC. (D.T.)



Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City Thunder

Forgive the D.C.-area product for not having the flashiest game in the league, but from a pure basketball standpoint, he's second to none. With his mastery of the nuances, his silky-smooth jumper and a knack for coming through in the clutch, Durant alone is worth the price of admission.



Jeremy Lin New York Knicks

Unrecruited out of high school, undrafted out of Harvard and unwanted until a few weeks ago, the Chinese-American point guard is inspiring Linsanity across the NBA landscape. He can do no wrong — just ask the Wizards, who saw Lin drop 23 points and 10 assists on them Wednesday night.

1-10

The Wizards' road record this season. And it won't get any easier next week, when the team hits the road for an eight-day, five-game road trip. The Wizards clash with the Detroit Pistons, Portland Trail Blazers, Los Angeles Clippers, Utah Jazz and Phoenix Suns before returning to the Verizon Center to face the Sacramento Kings on Feb. 22. A.C.



LeBron James, Miami Heat

The King's routine — unstoppable drives, eye-opening jams, thunderous blocks from behind — should not be taken for granted. "The Decision" and its fallout did little to endear James to the world, but he is as special a talent as the league has to offer. Championships are all that stand between James and NBA immortality.

STARRY NIGHTS

Wizards fans can have a good time watching other teams' top players

It's been a tough season for Wizards fans, with the losses mounting up. That doesn't mean there isn't fun to be had at the Verizon Center, and judging by the reaction to some visiting teams and stars, fans are still finding ways to enjoy the season — even if it is at the expense of their hometown heroes. (It's a reminder of the late '80s, when the team brilliantly marketed the other teams' stars to draw fans to games.) A number of the NBA's biggest draws have made the Verizon Center hardwood their personal playground over the past few weeks. And the Miami Heat's star-laden roster comes to town Friday, giving fans the chance to see one of the most exciting players in the NBA. Here's a look at the league's top five attractions at the moment. AVI CREDITOR

Blake Griffin, Los Angeles Clippers

There's no bigger road draw these days than the former punching bag known as the Clippers, and for good reason. Griffin, the star of the Lob City show that hit D.C. last weekend, mesmerizes opponents and spectators with his freakish athleticism and highlight-reel dunks. After outlasting John Wall for Rookie of the Year honors last season, Griffin has become the biggest box-office hit in and out of Hollywood.



Derrick Rose, Chicago Bulls

The lethal point guard's full-throttle demeanor, ball-handling skills and ability to take over a game have the Bulls as contenders for the first time since the Michael Jordan era. Wizards fans can only hope that John Wall, a similar-minded player and a one-year collegiate pupil under John Calipari (just like Rose), can reach those heights.



In Brief



The Detroit Red Wings watch Thursday's Winter Classic announcement.

PRO HOCKEY

Old Rivals to Play In NHL's Winter Classic

The Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs will begin 2013 by renewing their rivalry at one of North America's most iconic stadiums. The two Original Six foes will play in the Winter Classic on Jan. 1 at Michigan Stadium, part of an outdoor showcase that will also include minor league and college hockey games at Detroit's Comerica Park. (AP)

HOYAS HOOPS

Georgetown Assistant Coach Hospitalized

Georgetown assistant men's basketball coach Kenya Hunter has been hospitalized after becoming ill after a practice. Head coach John Thompson III said Thursday in a statement that Hunter passed out after Tuesday's practice and is undergoing tests. (AP)

SOCCER

FedEx to Host U.S.-Brazil

The U.S. men's national soccer team will play Brazil in a May 30 friendly at FedEx Field, the five-time world champion's first visit to the Washington area since 1998 and the Americans' debut at the Redskins' stadium. Kickoff for the Wednesday night fixture is 8 p.m. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

THE MYSTICS

Mystics Sign Snow

The Washington Mystics signed veteran free-agent center Michelle Snow on Thursday. The 6-foot-5 Snow has career averages of 9 points and 6.4 rebounds in 334 games over 10 seasons with Houston, Atlanta, San Antonio and Chicago. (AP)

Swengali**Manning Isn't Worth the Risk**

If Mike Shanahan wants his tenure with the Redskins to last three years and be bookended by washed-up quarterbacks leading his team to failure, then by all means, he should acquire Peyton Manning.

Don't kid yourselves. That will be the outcome if the NFL's biggest soap opera changes locations from Indianapolis to Washington. Let's presume for a moment that Manning actually is healthy — his doctors cleared him to play, though the Colts weren't so sure. The Redskins still wouldn't have an offensive line to protect him or a legitimate receiving threat for him to throw to.

Shanahan would deserve to be fired if he takes the gamble on Manning and it backfires.

At best, Manning would play two to three years here and reach the playoffs once. Realistically, he would get hurt again and/or be another in the long line of Washington's moves that sound great in March but not in November.

Adding Manning would be a clear sign that Shanahan suspects Dan Snyder's patience would run out if the Redskins missed the playoffs again next season. Ironically, Shanahan would deserve to be fired if he takes the gamble on Manning and it backfires. He failed once with Donovan McNabb. A second misstep with a high-priced QB would be unacceptable.

The Redskins need a long-term answer and should be willing to trade up to draft Baylor's Robert Griffin III if they think he's the answer. If not, they should look elsewhere for a quarterback — just not in Indy.

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Quaranta's Passage to India

Ex-D.C. United star will play in country's new Premier League

Soccer

As far as post-retirement plans go, Santino Quaranta's can be filed under "unconventional."

The former D.C. United standout will be teaming with former FIFA World Player of the Year and Italian captain Fabio Cannavaro while playing under former D.C. United teammate Marco Etcheverry in the inaugural season of India's Premier League Soccer.

"Unconventional" might be an understatement. Then again, the circumstances surrounding his retirement from MLS were a bit unusual, too.

Just 27, Quaranta hung up his cleats after not being offered a new contract by United this off-season. Rather than consider the possibility of relocating for another franchise, Quaranta, a Baltimore native who lives there with his wife and two children, chose to move on to the next phase of his life. At Christmastime, Etcheverry and former United great Jaime Moreno steered him in the direction of India's PLS.

"I'm very excited," Quaranta



Santino Quaranta retired from Major League Soccer after D.C. didn't offer him a deal.

said. "[Etcheverry]'s a fantastic guy, and more importantly, his expertise with the game and the way he expresses himself as a leader, he's somebody you want to play for. You sprinkle in a guy like Cannavaro, and it's a dream. It's the best thing that's ever happened to me."

The league itself came together just weeks ago. Each of the six teams is afforded \$2.5 million to build its roster, which includes one international coach, one "icon player" (akin to an MLS Designated Player) and three other international players (one from an Asian nation),

International Mix

As one of the 24 international players in India's Premier League Soccer, Santino Quaranta will be playing with and against some of the world's best players from the past two decades. Italian defender Fabio Cannavaro, Argentine striker Hernan Crespo, French midfielder Robert Pires, Nigerian midfielder Jay-Jay Okocha and English striker Robbie Fowler are among the aging stars who have signed on for the six-team league's first year. Quaranta is the league's only American. A.C.

and the rest made up of Indian talent. The league held an auction for the player and coach pool of international signings last week, and Quaranta fetched \$180,000 from the team that will be based in Siliguri, a city in the West Bengal region of the country.

The season is slated to begin in March and last seven weeks. Whether Quaranta will play in future seasons remains to be seen.

"For me, I'm not sure what this leads to," said Quaranta, who has never been to India and had been devoting his time to the Pipeline Soccer Club youth organization in Baltimore that he helped start last year. AVI CREDITOR

Backstrom Hopes to Return for Playoffs

The Capitals

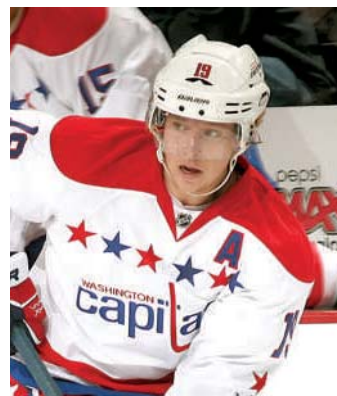
Nicklas Backstrom hasn't skated for more than five minutes over the past 34 days, and based on his recent comments to Swedish news outlet Gefle Dagblad, there continues to be no indication as to when the Capitals center may be able to return to the lineup.

Backstrom suffered a concussion on Jan. 3 when he was elbowed in the head by then-Calgary forward Rene Bourque and has not played since.

The 24-year-old's comments to Gefle Dagblad don't offer much reason for optimism. "I don't know when I will be able to play again," Backstrom said. "I hope I will be ready for the playoffs."

Backstrom took part in two practices in the three days immediately after he was elbowed to the head, but then he suffered a setback that has kept him off the ice for all but a few minutes since.

On Sunday, Backstrom hosted a team party for the Super Bowl and



The Caps' Nicklas Backstrom isn't sure when he'll return from a concussion.

attended the Capitals' 4-1 loss to Boston, which is believed to be the first time he came to a home game since suffering the concussion.

It's been difficult to be away from the game for Backstrom, who was considered one of the most durable players on Washington's roster prior to this injury, having missed only five games in his career before the concussion.

"It's tough, for sure," Backstrom said. "I don't do much, basically. I have spent much of my time on the couch." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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You don't have to be a vegan to appreciate the sticky buns, cakes, muffins and other treats Sticky Fingers owner Doron Petersan creates in her dairy-free Columbia Heights bakery (1370 Park Road NW; 202-299-9700). The champion of the Food Network's "Cupcake Wars" (she's notched two wins in three appearances) shares 100 of her recipes in "Sticky Fingers' Sweets" (\$28, Avery). The busy baker (who, with her husband, recently adopted a son, 6-month old Ezra) took a coffee break with us.

Why write this cookbook now?

It's a great opportunity to show people how vegan baking can be done, tastily. There's such a huge emphasis on health right now. In the media, it's so much more common to hear about people who are

eating vegan, like Bill Clinton and Mike Tyson.

So if someone wants to try veganism out, any tips?

It's about finding foods that you enjoy, but at the same time opening up your palate to other flavors you don't know about. Also, making sure you still enjoy the foods that you enjoyed [before]. If you know you hate prunes, don't go and eat prunes just because they're vegan. Focus on eating foods you already enjoy that don't happen to have meat or eggs or dairy in them.

Did you ever feel you were treated differently on "Cupcake Wars" because you're a vegan?

No. It's a true competition. We were definitely the underdogs. The judges know that our prod-

ucts are nontraditional, so we're always worried we have that mark against us, but we've proven twice now that we can win against traditional bakers.

Is being on the show as tough as it looks?

Yes. It's not horrible, but it's exactly what it looks like. It's totally harried, and you're rushing against the clock, and you're racing other people, and it's absolutely terrifying — while people are sitting there staring at you.

"I live over in Trinidad, so I love the H Street corridor. I love Toki Underground, Mandu and Kushi."

Do you think you'll ever reach a point where you don't feel you have something to prove?

Vegan baking is becoming more accepted in the culinary world. But I don't think that anytime soon we'll be in a position to not prove that we have what it takes to go against traditional baking. There's a lot of years behind eggs and butter and cream.

How have you been balancing your job at the bakery with being a new mom?

With a lot of balance. It's really awesome; it's a really fun new position to be in. Exhausting, but really fun.

When you aren't at Sticky Fingers, where else do you like to eat?

I live over in Trinidad, so I love the H Street corridor. I love Toki Underground, Mandu and Kushi.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

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Score crafty gifts for your sweetie (silver money clips, handmade cards) at Nana's Handmade Valentine's Mart, 3068 Mount Pleasant St. NW; Sat., noon-6 p.m.; Nanadc.com. Or hunt for a cool vintage date getup at Butler & Claypool's latest sale of men's and women's styles at Cork Market, 1805 14th St. NW; Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Cali It Cool

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN you cross breezy vintage clothing shapes (disco-era sundresses, drapery 1940s blouses) with a modern, West Coast vibe? The cool styles of Three Belles Down, an Oakland-based line of relaxed, hot-hued frocks (shown, \$85) and tops (\$65) just in stock at Caramel (1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930). Pieces smack

of May afternoons, but most can be layered over a tee, tights and boots until the weather semi-normalizes again.

3 **Love Actualized**

WE'RE SURE YOUR LOVE IS FAR DEEPER

than a baking pan. But there's not a much sweeter way to do V-Day than with an inch-thick, 8-ounce brownie in the shape of a heart. The treat, now at J. Chocolatier (1039 33rd St. NW; 202-333-4111), gets its flavor from Scharffen Berger cocoa, butter and other indulgent stuff. The meant-to-be-shared sweets are a made-here alternative to standing in line at Godiva on Feb. 13. If you chomp one by yourself because neither Gosling nor Clooney is returning your texts, we will not judge.

Grab Bag

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Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger, Erin Cunningham and Holly J. Morris. Find more food, fashion and home goods at Expressnightout.com/grabbag.

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**To Bee or Not to Bee?**

DO INANIMATE OBJECTS have existential crises? Does the Fuuvi Bee (\$70, Audiocubes.com) wonder, "Should I exist? Does the world need a digital video camera that mimics 8mm film (aka Super8), the home-movie solution of the '60s and '70s?" We say, "You have as much right to be here as Hipstamatic." The deck of cards-sized device captures life with the grainy, jittery charm of the original format.

Sweets For Tweets

ONE COULD SHEATHE one's smartphone/tablet/laptop with a high-tech, polycarbonate case à la Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man getup. But Poppy Treffny's fabric gadget cozies (\$24-\$48, Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055) bring a craftier, critter-strewn cool to all of your personal tech.



4

Digits of Columbia

NOW LOCAL COLOR DOESN'T just refer to which Metro line you're hopping on. The District of Columbia line of nail polish hues at Bloomingdale's Studio 85 (\$6 each, 53 Florida Ave NW; 415-606-3640) uses local names — "1600" for a Barack-y blue, left; "Mambo Sauce" for an orange that recalls the only-here condiment.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Valentine's Day is next week, and my dreamy new boyfriend has promised me a romantic night out, with dinner and possibly dancing. I'm wearing a David Meister red silk dress that's sexy-sophisticated. Now, I need some shoes. — STEPHANIE

Manolo says, ayyyy! The Dia de San Valentin, it is upon us, like the wild hyena of romance and expectation!

Woe be to the dreamy new man who does not deliver the goods! Goods which might best be described as the sort of Chinese take-out menu of romantic items. (Please select any two from column A: Dinner at the expensive restaurant; French perfume; Belgian chocolate; red roses; original lyric poetry.)



Of the course, the Day of Valentines is not the walking in the park for the young womens either. They must spend days in preparation, thinking about the hair and the outfit and the shoes, having extended style consultations with their gay friends and mulling over, at exhaustive length, the dynamics of the relationship.

At this early stage of the romance, these details are so very important. Later, after our couple has been married the dozen years or so, all that will really matter is finding the competent baby sitter to watch the kids while you enjoy the heart-shaped dessert at the Factory of the Cheesecakes.

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lookout **spirits**

Attention, bright young drinkers of D.C.:

Think your nuanced knowledge of single-batch rye and hand-chiseled ice makes you a cut above? Max Kuller, the hip wine director of Spanish tapas spot Estadio (1520 14th St. NW; 202-319-1404), is calling your bluff. According to him, these days, sherry wine is on the lips of the country's style setters. "The cool kids in New York have caught on and are getting serious about sherry," he says.

That's not to say sherry, a Spanish wine fortified by brandy, doesn't have a hold on D.C. But at least for now, you might consider sherry quaffing more like a secret club populated mostly by the likes of your favorite bartenders.

"People think of sherry as an old-fashioned drink that they don't drink; maybe their grandparents drank it. But it's actually very cool," says Diane Gross, co-owner of Cork Wine Bar (1720 14th St. NW; 202-265-2675).

Of course, sherry wasn't always considered a blue-haired special. In 1587, Sir Francis Drake torched Spain's Cádiz Harbour and helped himself to thousands of barrels of the potent stuff; once unloaded back in London, sherry became the Brits' new "it" drink. Even Shakespeare spun sonnets about sherry "sack," as it was called in those days. By the Victorian era, certain circles considered sherry a synonym for all fine wine.

Yet sherry's roots are decidedly humble. Most is made from the palomino grape, a white varietal that thrives in the hot air and chalky soil of the arid Jerez region in southwest Spain.

Sherry gets aged for five or more years in a reverse-pyramid solera system, with bottling done from the lowest, oldest barrels. The dri-

A Sip to Spain

Sherry's diverse flavors go down easy — and mix into hip, food-loving cocktails



est, youngest sherries — light-hued finos and manzanillas — are fortified to about 15 percent, retaining the top layer of yeast. Called flor, the yeast protects the liquid from oxidizing and lends a salty, briny flavor straight from the coastal area's sea breezes.

Another kind of sherry, amontillados, begin life as a fino but are aged longer, fortified to a higher alcohol percentage and ultimately exposed to air, which results in a caramel-amber hue and medium-deep flavor.

When amontillados lose their flor entirely and begin oxidizing naturally — and accidentally — those wild-card wines become a variety called palo cortados, known in the industry as a "rare, deviant sort of thing," Kuller says.

Full-fledged oxidized sherries are categorized as olorosos, with a rich and brooding, slightly sweet and nutty depth. The dark Pedro Ximenez dessert sherry is made from grapes by the same

make it!

ESTADIO'S EL CAZADOR

A bit bitter, a bit sweet and quite citrusy, this drink shows sherry's versatility.

- ▶ 1.5 oz. dry Oloroso sherry
 - ▶ 0.75 oz. Campari
 - ▶ 0.5 oz. lime juice
 - ▶ 0.5 oz. honey syrup
- (two parts honey: one part hot water)

Shake. Strain into a coupe. Garnish with an orange zest.

name and features a concentrated sweetness that's nothing short of decadent.

"Sherry has an extreme flavor profile — salty, bright, nutty, rich; the diversity really sort of blows your mind," Gross says.

Such multiple personalities mean sherry makes a formidable cocktail ingredient. Indeed, the sherry cobbler (sherry plus sugar-muddled fruit) earned top

sherry class



Manzanilla

Tasting notes: A crisp wisp of sea air, with hints of sourdough. In the words of the Columbia Room's Katie Nelson: "Manzanilla is like a tea party in the garden with Mozart playing; it's very clean and transparent, and subtle nuances are very important."

How to drink:

Paired with salted almonds and green olives.

Best for: The drinker who swears by dirty martinis.



Personified:

Spanish enchantress Penélope Cruz, a longtime critics' darling.

spirits **lookout**

Like a politician with an image problem, sherry's unpopularity is a result of its own mixed messages. "Sherry's versatility is amazing, but it's also confusing — sherry can range from bone dry to pancake sweet," says Suzanne McGrath, president of Arlington's Curious Grape (Curiousgrape.com) wine shop. To help, we offer a cheat sheet on the main varieties, each matched to a Spanish-speaking celeb:



Fino

Tasting notes: Dry and fruity, with tart apple and pear undertones.

How to drink: "Serve fino like Champagne, with any kind of salty snack — potato chips, marcona almonds, olives, salted hams," McGrath says. Also try grilled shrimp or prawn, or avocado.

Best for: Someone who likes unoaked sauvignon blancs.



Personified: Crossover pop artist Enrique Iglesias — young and energetic, with wide appeal but a limited shelf life.



Amontillado

Tasting notes: Soft almond, a hint of orange peel, balanced acidity.

How to drink: Alongside almonds, duck, soup or a sharp or nutty cheese (aged Gouda, Parmesan).

Best for: Beer lovers who lean toward roasty brews such as brown ales and porters.



Personified: Salma Hayek, master of the art of teetering just on the edge of sweet and dry, sultry and subdued.



Palo Cortado

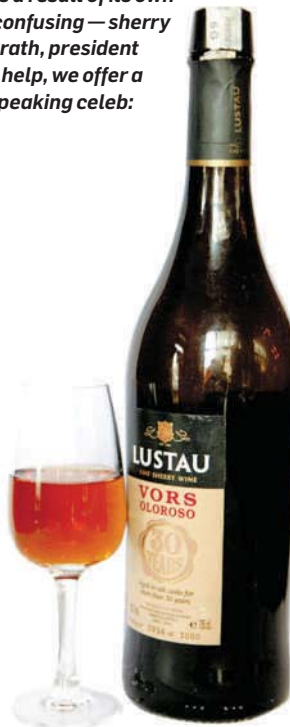
Tasting notes: Tobacco richness balanced with toffee caramel.

How to drink: Paired with ham or some bitter greens, such as spiced or crispy kale; wonton or duck sou., or smoky cow's milk cheese.

Best for: Scotch lovers looking for wine with a bit of smokiness.



Personified: Salvador Dali — passionate, striking and one-in-a-million.



Oloroso

Tasting notes: Rich and robust, with nuttiness veering toward sweet. Fragrant dried fruit.

How to drink: Balance is key; try a gamey meat such as duck or boar, or grilled mushrooms or eggplant. Blue cheese works well, too.

Best for: Cognac swillers.



Personified: Dramatic opera superstar Plácido Domingo, with his strong and versatile tenor.



Pedro Ximenez

Tasting notes: A rich concentration of raisin and date flavors. "Liquid dessert," says Lucas Paya, wine director for José Andrés' ThinkFood Group.

How to drink: Poured over ice cream or drizzled on pound cake.

Best for: Anyone who loves dessert wines or tawny ports.



Personified: Antonio Banderas: decadently delicious — but best enjoyed in small doses.

among 19th-century bar-goers.

When mixing sherry with other spirits, it's easiest to think in terms of complementary colors — lighter, drier sherries go well with light spirits, particularly vermouth; darker sherries play well with amber tipples such as bourbon and brandy.

For an alternative to a dirty martini, the Columbia Room's (1021 Seventh St. NW; 202-393-0220) Katie Nelson suggests the Bamboo, a "slightly savory and crisp" sherry cocktail (also circa the 19th century) made with manzanilla and dry vermouth, orange bitters and a lemon twist. Tabard Inn's mixologist, Chantal Tseng, loves the stuff blended with black or spice tea, sweetened with a touch of honey, and enjoyed over a

"Sherry has an extreme flavor profile — salty, bright, nutty, rich; the diversity really sort of blows your mind."

— DIANE GROSS,
CO-OWNER OF CORK WINE BAR

good novel. Savvy home bartenders might also look to dessert sherries as a boozy sweetener (why use simple syrup when, say, a fortified option is available?).

"Sherries are among the most interesting wines in the world," says Suzanne McGrath, a wine educator and the president of Arlington's Curious Grape (Curiousgrape.com), a wine shop set to reopen soon in Shirlington. "They're totally unique, only made in one place, and have survived since the Middle Ages," she says. "If you explore the different styles, you're going to find something you like — and once you do, there's definitely going to be a place for sherry in your life."

KATIE KNOROVSKY

The Reelist**Overdress You Up**

In **"W.E.,"** out Friday, two story lines compete to see which can be more boring. Remarkably, they both win! The dual tales are those of Wallis Simpson (Andrea Riseborough, who is much better than the film) and Wally Winthrop (Abbie Cornish, who is not). Simpson was the woman for whom King



By Kristen Page-Kirby

Edward VIII abdicated the throne, relegating himself to the B plot of "The King's Speech"; Winthrop is a modern-day poor little rich girl obsessed with the couple.

"W.E." has gotten press because it was directed and co-written by Madonna, who you'd think would have learned something by being married to Guy Ritchie. She does have a singular talent, though — if you like to watch really rich people wearing really nice clothes surrounded by really nice stuff, this is the film for you, assuming you can somehow watch it on mute. You even get a scene of rich people with nice stuff bidding on other rich people's nice stuff during an auction! Winthrop has Chanel lipsticks scattered on her vanity, the interlocking C's of the brand's logo artfully facing the camera. It takes five scenes, and it feels like as many hours, for Edward to give Simpson charms for her bracelet.

"W.E." is a love story between Madonna, her costumer and her set dresser. If she had applied some of that passion to the walking, talking set pieces, she actually might have had something.



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From left: Dwayne Johnson, Luis Guzman, Josh Hutcherson and Vanessa Hudgens in "Journey 2." Not shown: How Johnson captured that tiny elephant.



More Mess Than Mystery

'Journey 2' can't even manage to follow its own illogical rules

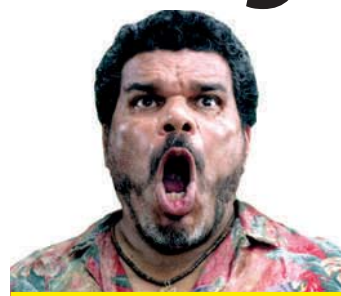
Film Review

Managing to make classic 19th-century adventure yarns feel as wondrous and exotic as a Hallmark Channel special, "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" sincerely tries to pay homage to the likes of Jules Verne and Robert Louis Stevenson but is too contaminated by today's sensibilities to make it all fly.

The sequel to 2008's "Journey to the Center of the Earth" suffers, first, from an exposition that is cloddy even by the standards of multi-

plex kid-stuff. Cramming a tangled mess of motivations into a few minutes, it barely even attempts to make us believe that Hank (Dwayne Johnson) would take his hateful stepson (Josh Hutcherson's Sean) on a spur-of-the-moment trip to the South Pacific just because a mysterious radio transmission has hinted that Verne's "Mysterious Island" actually exists and Sean's grandpa (Michael Caine) is adventuring there.

Faster than you can say "can we license this for a Happy Meal?" the two have arrived in Palau and hired sketchy helicopter pilot Gabato (Luis Guzman) to take them to the island's coordinates. Gabato comes with teenage daughter Kailani (Vanessa Hudgens) — cue the slow-mo



Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG)

► **Director:** Brad Peyton
 ► **Stars:** Josh Hutcherson; Dwayne Johnson; Luis Guzman, above
 ► **In a Nutshell:** A teenager partners with his mom's boyfriend on a mission to find his grandfather, who is thought to be missing on a mythical island.

removal of sunglasses to indicate Sean's PG-rated leering.

The first thing we learn about this strange island is that proportions are inverted: Life forms that are giant in our world are tiny in this one, and vice versa. But the rule only applies when the filmmakers are thinking about it. Fireflies are still tiny here; trees are still big — and if our heroes wrangle giant bumblebees to fly them around, those bees will be much smaller than the birds who attack them, regardless of logic.

The movie's flexibility with its own rules would be less noticeable if it were busy thrilling us. But the action here is just barely reheated sequences from better films.

While Johnson displays little of the self-aware humor that has sometimes elevated his lowbrow outings, he does remain guilelessly committed to this sinking ship, earnestly selling it and flexing his pecs while waiting for director Brad Peyton to figure out what he's doing. Presumably, those pecs are still flexing.

JOHN DEFORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



good to know ► On March 29, MTV debuts "Jersey Shore" spin-off "The Pauly D Project" and a revamped "Punk'd." ► Clarence Clemons' nephew, Jake, will share saxophone duties with Eddie Manion in the E Street Band. ► "Portlandia: A Guide for Visitors," a book based on the IFC series, is due Nov. 20. ► Legendary Pictures scrapped its 3-D film adaptation of the poem "Paradise Lost." (EXPRESS)

All Action, Little Acting

In 'Safe House,' Ryan Reynolds finds no chance to break out

Film Review

Denzel Washington has begun to carve out a niche as the grumpy or morally compromised foil to young, gravitas-seeking white actors.

His charisma menaced Ethan Hawke in "Training Day" and taunted Chris Pine in "Unstoppable," allowing both to look more impressive by surviving the encounter.

Entering "Safe House," Ryan Reynolds needs that chance to prove himself. Having failed to earn credibility with "Green Lantern," the actor had yet to show he can become more than someone we'll tire of after another rom-com or two.

If we're still unconvinced after "Safe House," it's largely because the film spends less time on the interplay between Reynolds and Washington than on generic spycraft action its makers aren't up to.

Reynolds plays Matt Weston,



Ryan Reynolds' Weston, left, gets few opportunities to match wits with Denzel Washington's Frost in "Safe House."

Safe House (R)

- **Director:** Daniel Espinosa
- **Stars:** Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds
- **In a Nutshell:** A young CIA agent is tasked with looking after a fugitive in a safe house. But when the safe house is attacked, he finds himself on the run with his charge.

a CIA newbie assigned to man a rarely used safe house. One day, amid much excitement, a squad of agents arrive to interrogate Washington's Tobin Frost, a top spy who went rogue nine years ago. After the safe house is attacked by bad-dies bent on killing Frost, Weston escapes with him, trying to keep his prisoner alive.

When Frost finally gets precious moments to play with Weston's head, the film doesn't allow Reynolds enough time to find the intelligence his character presumably possesses. It turns out it's easier to show an actor surviving should-be-fatal gut wounds than a battle of wits with Denzel Washington.

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'Vow' Isn't Broken — It's Just Obvious

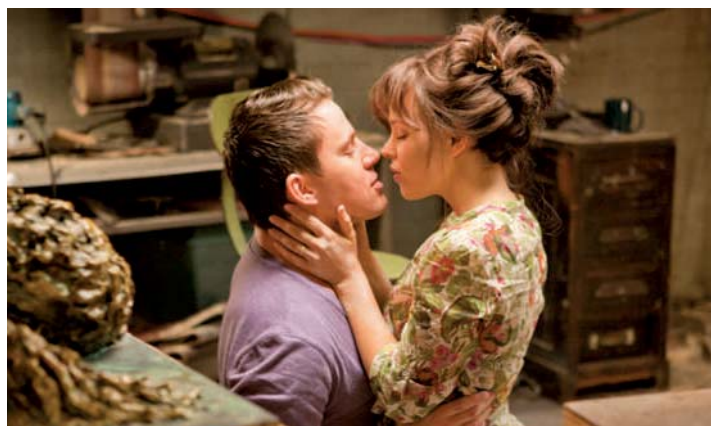
Film Review

Rachel McAdams wakes up in the hospital after a car accident with no memory of the past five years of her life and discovers she's married to Channing Tatum, lives in a spacious, boho-chic loft and has a successful career as a Chicago artist.

That wouldn't suck, right?

Nevertheless, she must reject this foreign existence in her confused state because the plot of "The Vow" requires some conflict.

This old-fashioned amnesia tale would seem totally implausible and manufactured for maximum melodrama; as it turns out, director Michael Sucsy's film is indeed based on a true story. But it might have been even more compelling



Channing Tatum, left, and Rachel McAdams, right, seem like a perfect couple, right?

with some different casting. McAdams, as the perplexed Paige, is her usual likable self and Tatum, as Leo, once again proves he's an actor of greater depth than his hunky good

looks might suggest.

But what if Paige woke up and found she was married to someone who looked like, say, Paul Giamatti? That might have offered an intriguing

The Vow (PG-13)

- **Director:** Michael Sucsy
- **Stars:** Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum
- **In a Nutshell:** After a woman loses her memory in a car crash, her husband tries to help her remember.

ing little wrinkle. Instead, "The Vow" serves as a series of precise if obvious moments and emotional cues we must endure en route to the inevitable reconciliation.

It's a nice idea: experiencing what it's like to fall in love all over again for the first time. McAdams and Tatum sometimes make the execution of it more tolerable than it should be, but not often enough.

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ALBERT NOBBS (R, 113 minutes) A delicate, closely observed chamber piece, this affecting portrait of longing, lying and leading double lives in 19th-century Ireland sneaks up on the audience with the quiet discretion of the enigmatic protagonist at its center. And, like him, it contains multitudes beneath its prim surface. "Him"? Albert Nobbs is, after all, played by Glenn Close, who we first meet as a meek, impeccably groomed butler at a modest but respectable hotel in Dublin. Nobbs has worked there for nearly 20 years, during which time the staff and guests have come to think they know him simply as a reserved keeper of secrets. But two people Nobbs encounter confront him with the secret he has held closest of all: that he's really a woman who long ago assumed a man's identity to survive and to this day doesn't know exactly who he/she is. **A.H.**

THE ARTIST (PG-13, 100 minutes) Capping off a year of movies dedicated to high-style nostalgia, "The Artist" arrives like the last, lightest profiterole on the croquembouche. "The Artist" opens in 1927, when dapper Errol Flynn-esque film star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) rules Hollywoodland as its reigning star, his million-dollar grin coming as easily as the waves of applause that predictably greet every one of his new pictures. When George crosses paths with an eager newcomer named Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), he's cast in the role of mentor (and maybe more). But when talking pictures become the order of the day, she quickly begins an ascent up stardom's ladder, while George's fortunes begin their inevitable slide. **A.H.**

BIG MIRACLE (PG, 107 minutes) In this highly partisan era, it's comforting to revisit 1988, when people from many backgrounds stumbled upon a unifying goal. What issue could possibly ally Greenpeace activists and oil executives, even Reagan and Gorbachev? "Big Miracle," based on a true story, has the answer: three whales. As the film opens, television reporter Adam Carlson is hard at work, uncovering the fluffiest of feature stories in Alaska. Adam stumbles upon three gray whales that have become trapped under ice. Without human



RON BATZDORFF

Getting dirty and sitting on a desk: It's just another hard day at the office for Katherine Heigl, left, in her easily forgettable action-comedy "One for the Money."



ALAN MARKFIELD

After gaining superpowers, everything goes wrong for Matt Garrett (Alex Russell) and his friends in "Chronicle."

intervention, the whales will be dead in days. Adam's news flash brings an influx of visitors to the Arctic Circle. Each has his or her own interests in mind, but all ultimately agree to help figure out how to save the whales. Politics are politics, however, when the last resort turns out to be Soviet aid. Cold War-era bonding over whales? It would sound utterly absurd if it weren't based on fact. **STEPHANIE MERRY**
CHRONICLE (PG-13, 83 minutes) Mov-

ies that purport to be constructed from found footage usually do so to cloak a flimsy premise. That's not the issue with "Chronicle," in which a pretty good idea for a sci-fi thriller is undermined by hastiness. The amateur cameraman is Andrew, a Seattle-area high-schooler who is bullied at school and at home. Andrew's closest thing to a friend is his cousin Matt. One night, the two attend a rave, where they encounter Matt's long-time crush, later to serve as the movie's damsel in distress. The guys wander off with Matt's pal Steve. In a development any superhero-origin buff will recognize, the boys crawl into a sinkhole and find a weird substance that alters them. They develop superpowers, and Andrew, the weakest of the three, becomes the strongest. Ultimately, "Chronicle" can't finesse the essential problem of the found-footage genre: When faced with a potentially lethal threat, nobody's first instinct is to hit "record." **MARK JENKINS**
CONTRABAND (R, 109 minutes) Directed by actor-director Baltasar Kormakur, the film has a gloomy, propulsive, working-class energy that feels slightly more European than Hollywood-y. When we first meet Chris Farraday (Mark Wahlberg), he has left the smuggling game to raise

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a family and build a legitimate business in suburban New Orleans. But when his wife's younger brother, Andy, winds up in hock to a volatile drug dealer (Giovanni Ribisi), Chris is forced to take up his old ways to pay off the debt and to keep Andy from being shot in the head. Ribisi makes for a compelling, and frighteningly unhinged, villain. Briggs also threatens Chris' wife and his two young sons, unless Chris comes up with the money. A quick plan is thrown together to hop down to Panama on the next freighter and come back with a pile of counterfeit currency. But the plan spins rapidly, and bloodily, out of control. That said, "Contraband" delivers certain rewards, both expected and unexpected. **M.O. THE DESCENDANTS** (R, 115 minutes) George Clooney doesn't put a foot wrong except on purpose in "The Descendants," a pitch-perfect movie that threads a tiny needle between comedy and devastating drama. Clooney's Matt King is the wealthy descendant of Hawaiian royalty, who, as the movie opens, is watching his wife, Elizabeth, lie comatose in a hospital bed after suffering a near-fatal boating accident. A distant husband and father, Matt must find a way to bond with his daughters, 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller) and 17-year-old Alex (Shailene Woodley). "The Descendants" is an ode to emotional dissonance, wherein regret and antic humor can coexist and even share a drink; it's a tricky tonal high-wire act that writer-director Alexander Payne pulls off with uncommon skill and aplomb. **A.H. THE GREY** (R, 117 minutes) Within its first several minutes, Joe Carnahan's man-against-nature thriller takes on con-

tours and shadings far more sophisticated than the usual pulp programmer. Liam Neeson plays John Ottway, a sharpshooter who works for an oil company in Alaska keeping gray wolves and other predators at bay. Soon Ottway and his fellow h-men are on a plane bound for civilization. The plane won't make it, leaving Ottway and six others marooned in the middle of a blank, icy wasteland with subzero

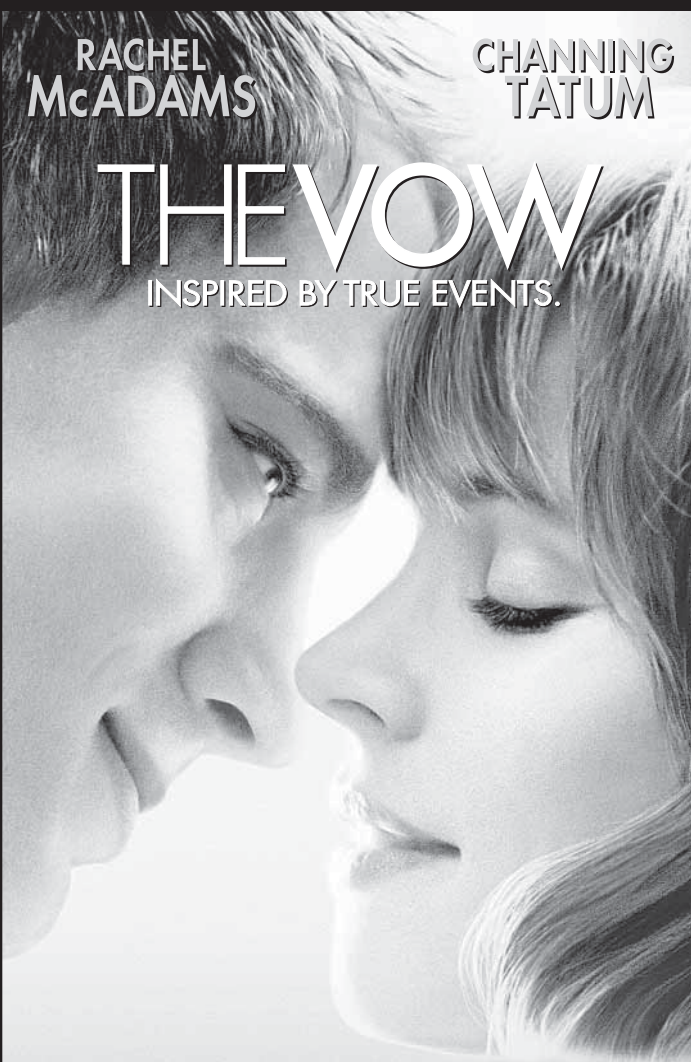
winds, punishing snowstorms and packs of hungry wolves. Such pure, elemental motivations and obstacles could easily provide the makings of a brutish but viscerally effective B-movie, but Carnahan aspires to something more, and he largely achieves it. Even with its requisite amount of hokum, though, "The Grey" executes its battle of the alpha males with toughness, efficiency and even artistry. **A.H.**

HAYWIRE (R, 105 minutes) Mallory Kane joins Lisbeth Salander and Margaret Thatcher as the latest tough-girl movie heroine by leaving a trail of carnage, sulphur and various male body parts in her wake. Played by real-life mixed martial arts champion Gina Carano, Mallory is a steely, smoky-voiced creation. It emerges that Mallory, a former Marine, has something to do with a

Blackwater-esque private contractor and a black ops mission gone wonky. Carano's not a great actress, but she doesn't need to be in a movie that, as conceived by screenwriter Lem Dobbs, doesn't get bogged down in psychology or humanizing backstories. Instead, "Haywire" simply gives audiences what they came to see: bruising fight sequences set up

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and executed with economy, skill and one or two genuine jaw-dropping jolts. A.H. **JOYFUL NOISE** (PG-13, 118 minutes) Times are tough for the citizens of Pac-ashau, Ga., and not just because the

recession has shuttered most of the town's businesses. The director of the Divinity Church Choir has died, making the group's chances for top prize at the National Joyful Noise Competition look bleak. To make matters worse, the choir finds itself divided when Vi Rose Hill (Queen Latifah) is chosen over the choir director's widow, G.G. Sparrow (Dolly Parton), to helm the group. The

movie revolves around keeping the faith through obstacle after obstacle, but the dramedy's ultimate feel-good nature proves infectious, even for those of us whose weekend routine doesn't include a trip to church. **STEPHANIE MERRY MAN ON A LEDGE** (PG-13, 102 minutes) Sam Worthington plays ex-cop Nick Cassidy, who has been doing a stretch in prison for a crime he didn't commit. After

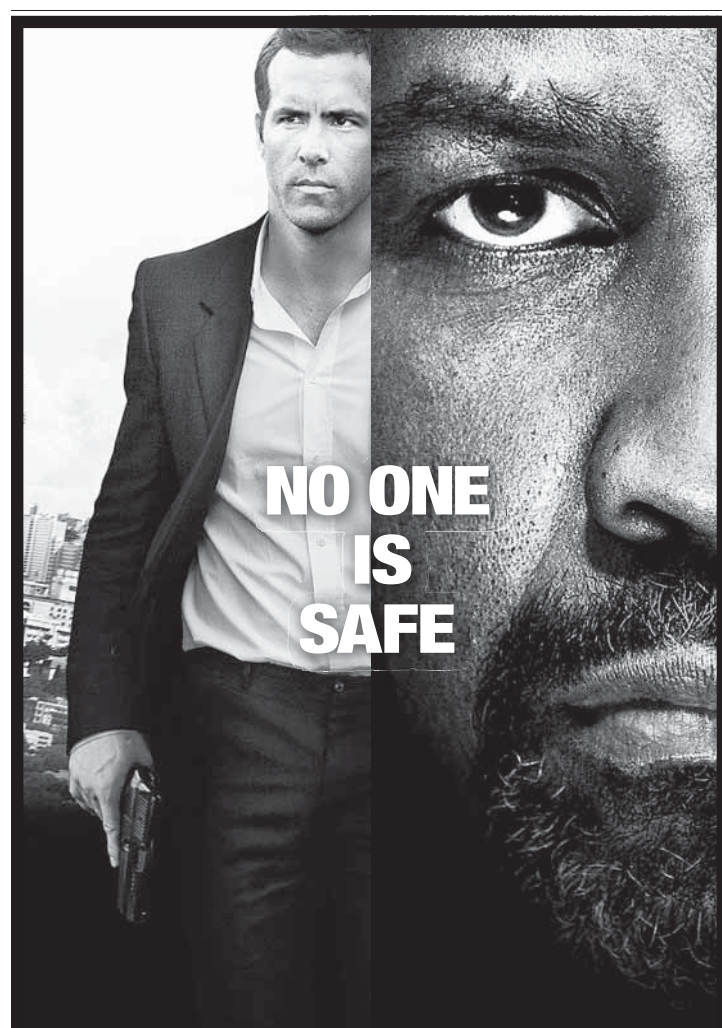
masterminding a breakout, he winds up at Manhattan's Roosevelt Hotel, where he calmly opens a window 200 feet up and climbs out. But wait! Cassidy's stunt may be more complicated than a mere death wish, as becomes clear when he summons Lydia Mercer to the scene. That tough-as-nails police negotiator is played by Elizabeth Banks in what's supposed to be a frazzled, hungover state,

the first of a series of whoppers that get bigger and dumber as the tick-tock progresses. A.H.

ONE FOR THE MONEY (PG-13, 106 minutes) Stephanie Plum (Katherine Heigl) has lost her job selling lingerie at the Newark Macy's and just lost her car to the repo guys. She needs cash, or something, at least, to share with her dull, stereotypical blue-collar family. So the hot lingerie saleswoman hits up a relative for a piece of his bail bond business. She needs a big score, so she tackles killer cop Joe Morelli, a guy she has a history with. Stephanie learns on the job, chasing Joe. Sometimes he schools her. More often, she's taught by a commando-like bounty hunter who likes to be called "Ranger," a potentially fun character who sets off no sparks in the story or with Stephanie. With poor structure, unsnapappy "snappy" dialogue, bland characters and tedious direction, "One for the Money" loses big. (AP)

RED TAILS (PG-13, 125 minutes) The complexities of its heroes aside, this George Lucas-produced dogfight epic could have been made during the same decade the Tuskegee Airmen helped beat Hitler. The war-movie clichés are as abundant as the antiaircraft fire, and the dialogue is as wooden as a balsa glider. The leading characters are issued one personality trait each, and some don't even get that. Cuba Gooding Jr., for example, plays Maj. Emmanuelle Stance as a man who smokes a pipe. The African-American fliers' great achievement merits a great movie. "Red Tails" isn't it. M.J.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK (PG-13, 95 minutes) According to spiritualists, the veil separating the world of the living from the world of the dead is tissue-thin at times. When it comes to cinematic ghost stories, however, there's a wide gulf between those who love the genre and those who just like to laugh at it. That divide was in stark evidence at a recent screening of this poltergeist-themed drama in which Daniel Radcliffe plays a London lawyer sent to the middle of nowhere to settle the estate of a deceased woman. "The Woman in Black," based on Susan Hill's 1983 novel, delivers a better-than-serviceable, if less than "Sixth Sense"-worthy scare. Director James Watkins knows how to make a body jump out of its skin. At the same time, the film is kind of, well, silly. M.O.



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stops**1 Stripping Down
For a Good Cause**

Why are charity events obsessed with people getting frostbite for a good cause? First the Polar Bear Plunge, now the Undie Run, in which nearly naked runners raise money for the Children's Tumor Foundation. You can no longer register for this year's Undie Run — the D.C. race has already sold out — but you can hang out by the Capitol to see the underdressed participants jog by. **Race starts and ends at 215 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; Sat., 2 p.m.; Cupidsundierun.com. (Capitol South)**

2 Hail to the Inventor

Leave it to Ben Franklin to horn in on the month of Presidents Day. This Founding Father, who was memorable despite never being president, has a new exhibit devoted to him at the National Archives. It opens today, accompanied by a performance from a Franklin impersonator and a demonstration of the armonica, an unconventional musical instrument Franklin invented. Later on there will be a scholarly talk on him involving no musical interludes. **National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Fri., 10 a.m., free; 866-272-6272, Archives.gov. (Archives)**

3 Put Your Hands Up

If you're at a loss when dancing at wedding receptions, you can fix that for at least one song. Quynn Johnson of Joy of Motion is hosting a workshop to teach you the moves from Beyonce's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" video. High heels aren't mandatory for the class, but it won't feel like Beyonce without them. **Atlas Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; Sat., 3 p.m., \$25-\$30; Joyofmotion.org.**

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3111 K Street N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) RealD 3D: 11:45 Movie Times
Big Miracle (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 12:15-3:00-5:40-8:40-11:20
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 12:00
Pina 3D (PG) AMC INDEPENDENT RealD 3D: (I) 10:10-12:45-3:40-6:20-9:00
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 9:45-1:00-4:30-7:45-11:05
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 9:50-12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:00-12:30-3:15-6:00-8:50-11:30
The Iron Lady (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:45-2:30-5:10-8:00-10:40
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 9:55-4:15-10:30
W.E. (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 10:15-1:05-4:00-6:50-10:00
The Grey (R) Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:10-4:00-7:10-10:10
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:10-1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:55
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: (I) 10:30-1:20-4:10-7:00-9:45
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 2:45-5:30-8:10-10:45
The Vow (PG-13) (I) 11:00-1:50-4:45-7:30-10:20
Safe House (R) (I) 11:20-2:15-5:20-8:20-11:15
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 12:50-7:20

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 12:00-3:35-7:15-10:50

AMC Mazza Gallerie
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Safe House (R) Digital Presentation: 11:50-2:30-5:20-8:00-10:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:00-12:20
Man on a Ledge (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 4:20
The Grey (R) Digital Presentation: 11:30-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:30
Red Tails (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 10:30-1:30-7:10-10:00
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:40-12:50-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:50
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40
Big Miracle (PG) 11:20-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
The Vow (PG-13) 12:05-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10
Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 4:20

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Moneyball (PG-13) Six Oscar Nominations including Best Picture: 1:30-7:30
A Better Life (PG-13) Denziri Bichir Nominated for Best Actor Oscar: 12:00-8:00
Hugo (PG) 11 Oscar Nominations including Best Picture: 2:15-5:15
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) BEST PICTURE Oscar Nominee: 4:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

Pariah (R) 1:15-3:30-5:45-8:00-10:15
The Descendants (R) 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:50
Albert Nobbs (R) 1:50-4:25-7:10-10:00
The Artist (PG-13) 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:45
The Iron Lady (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Shame (NC-17) 2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05
The Theatre Bizarre (NR) 12:00AM
Oscar Nominated Live-Action Shorts (NR) 1:30-5:30-9:30
Oscar Nominated Animated Shorts 3:45-7:45
Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) (NR) 12:00AM
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) RealD 3D: (I) 12:30
Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 12:20-3:00-8:20-10:35
Big Miracle (PG) CC-Open Caption: 11:45AM
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 12:40-4:00-7:00-10:00-12:50
Big Miracle (PG) 2:15-4:55-7:25-10:05-12:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 3:15-6:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 11:40-2:00-7:10-9:40-12:10
Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 12:05-2:40
The Vow (PG-13) 12:00-1:25-2:30-3:20-5:00-6:20-7:30-9:00-9:55-11:30-12:20
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 10:20
Safe House (R) 12:10-12:50-3:40-4:10-6:30-7:20-9:20-10:10-12:00-12:45
The Grey (R) 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:25
Contraband (R) 10:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 4:30

Red Tails (PG-13) 12:35-3:50-6:50-9:50-12:35
Underworld: Awakening (R) 5:40
The Woman in Black (PG-13) 11:50-2:10-4:30-7:05-9:30-12:00
Haywire (R) 5:30-8:00
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) 1:00-3:10-5:15-7:40-10:15-12:25

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW <http://westendcinema.com/>

War Horse (PG-13) 10 Oscar nominations: 4:00
Le Havre (NR) English Subtitles: 7:20-9:30
My Week with Marilyn (R) Oscar nominee Michelle Williams: 3:10-5:20-7:40-9:50
2012 Oscar Shorts: Documentary (NR) 2:00-4:40-7:00-9:40

MARYLAND**AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center**
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Singin' in the Rain (1952) (NR) 5:10
The Lady Eve (1941) (NR) 9:30
The African Queen (1951) (NR) 7:20
The Artist (PG-13) 12:20-2:30-4:40-6:50-9:00
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 1:10-3:40-6:15-8:50

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Big Miracle (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:50-1:20-4:00-6:30-9:15
The Vow (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-10:00
Safe House (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:00-2:00-5:00-7:45-10:20
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:30AM
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Woman in Black (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:45-1:30-3:15-5:30-8:00-10:15
Red Tails (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:45
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:15-1:40-3:45-5:50-8:15-10:45
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:50-4:20-7:00-9:30

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:55-4:00-7:05-10:20
The Grey (R) Digital Presentation: 1:25-4:45-7:50-10:35
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05
Big Miracle (PG) 1:10-4:30-7:15-9:50
The Vow (PG-13) 12:25-2:55-5:25-8:10-10:45

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) RealD 3D: 6:40-12:00
Joyful Noise (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:00-12:50-3:50
Safe House (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 9:50-12:40-3:40-6:50-10:00
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 9:40-12:30
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 9:30-12:35-3:45-7:00-10:20
Man on a Ledge (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:20
The Grey (R) Digital Presentation: 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10-12:40
Red Tails (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:30-12:25-3:25-6:35-9:40-12:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: (I) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
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Big Miracle (PG) (I) 9:35-12:20-3:20-6:20-9:10-12:35
The Vow (PG-13) (I) 11:20-2:10-5:00-7:50-10:25
Safe House (R) 11:00-1:50-4:50-7:40-11:00
The Woman in Black (PG-13) 9:45-12:10-4:20-5:20-8:00-10:40
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:50-11:50

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Albert Nobbs (R) 2:30-5:30-8:30
The Descendants (R) 1:45-4:35-7:15-9:55
The Artist (PG-13) 1:35-4:15-6:45-9:15
A Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-7:05-9:50
The Iron Lady (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2:15-5:15-8:15
A Dangerous Method (R) 1:25-4:20-7:10-9:25
War Horse (PG-13) 1:40-4:45-8:00

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:05-6:40-9:40
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-4:10-7:30-10:30
The Grey (R) 1:10-3:40-6:45-9:50
The Vow (PG-13) 2:10-4:40-7:10-10:10
Safe House (R) 2:20-5:00-7:50-10:30

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Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 4:30-9:30
The Woman in Black (PG-13) 3:00-5:20-8:00-10:25
Hugo (PG) 3:50
The Grey (R) 2:00-4:50-7:40-10:20
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) 2:40-5:10-7:45-10:00
One for the Money (PG-13) 1:40-7:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) RealD 3D: (I) 2:05-5:05
Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 7:55-10:45
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-4:10-7:10-10:25
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Red Tails (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Safe House (R) 1:10-1:40-4:10-4:40-7:20-7:50-10:10-10:40
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The Grey (R) 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:35
The Woman in Black (PG-13) 1:50-4:50-7:35-10:30
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) 1:20-4:20-7:45-10:15
Haywire (R) 1:45-4:45-8:05-10:40

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Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) RealD 3D: (I) 2:35-4:55
Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 2:40-8:05-10:45
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:10
Big Miracle (PG) CC-Open Caption: 2:20
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:05-12:45
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The Vow (PG-13) 1:15-2:05-3:50-4:35-6:35-7:35-9:00-10:20-11:25-12:45
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 1:40-4:05-6:40-12:05
The Grey (R) 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:50-12:30
Underworld: Awakening (R) 12:35-2:55-5:30-8:00-10:25-12:40
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 7:25-10:30
The Woman in Black (PG-13) 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:10-10:40-12:50
Hugo (PG) 5:25
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:05
One for the Money (PG-13) 8:50
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) 12:40-3:00-5:15-7:20-9:30-11:45

VIRGINIA**AMC Courthouse Plaza 8**
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:10
Big Miracle (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:20
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 1:00
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Iron Lady (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:10-4:35-7:10-9:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 3:20-5:40-8:00-10:20
The Vow (PG-13) (I) 1:50-4:20-7:00-9:30
The Woman in Black (PG-13) (I) 12:30-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:10
The Grey (R) (I) 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
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Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) RealD 3D: 10:15-12:45-2:55
Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) RealD 3D: 10:45-1:20-3:50-6:10-8:40-11:20
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Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 9:45-12:50-4:05-7:20-10:35
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 9:50-12:55-3:55-6:50-9:45
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10-11:00
Man on a Ledge (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 5:05-7:50-10:55

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The Woman in Black (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:10-12:40-3:10-5:50-8:30-11:10
Red Tails (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 10:30-1:55-5:00-8:15-11:15
Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:20-1:45-4:10-6:30-8:55-11:25
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The Vow (PG-13) (I) 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55-12:30
Safe House (R) (I) 10:55-1:50-4:45-7:40-10:40
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 10:55-2:20
The Grey (R) 10:20-1:25-4:30-7:30-10:30
Contraband (R) 10:35-1:25-4:40-7:25-10:10
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The Descendants (R) 4:10-7:10-9:55
The Artist (PG-13) 2:55-5:10-7:30-9:50
Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 7:35-10:15
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 3:20-6:30-9:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2:40-6:20-10:00
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Chronicle (2012) (I) (PG-13) CC-Open Caption: 2:20
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 2:30-5:00
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A Musical Melting Pot

What to expect from this year's Grammy night collaborations

Awards

SUN
8:00

Grammy night is all about unlikely onstage collaborations. Sometimes, the show's random juxtaposition of artists, and its seemingly haphazard melding of genres, generations and songs, yields greatness (remember Radiohead and the USC Marching Band?). Sometimes, not as much (the ill-fated Taylor Swift and Stevie Nicks duet in 2010).

If this year's list of collaborators is any guide, 2012's show will bring the crazy, the tasteless, the awesome and the unintentionally ridiculous in equal measure. Here's what we're dreading the least.

Deadmau5/David Guetta/Chris Brown/Lil Wayne/Foo Fighters:

This performance, which will take place in a tent outside the venue,



Bonnie Raitt, left, teams up with Alicia Keys, right for a tribute to Etta James at the Grammys.

makes a certain kind of sense: The electro artists will appear because the Grammys can no longer ignore them; Foo Fighters will appear because they're Grammy gold. And maybe they figure it's better to have Chris Brown outside the Staples Center, and Rihanna inside.

Tony Bennett and Carrie Underwood:

We forget: She's one of the best singers in the business. And Bennett is always at his twinkliest when performing

with the young ladies.

Alicia Keys and Bonnie Raitt's Etta James tribute:

Remember last year, when all those divas paid homage to Aretha Franklin and everyone got scared that Aretha was dead but she was really just sick? And Christina Aguilera almost fell? This year promises to be a lot less hammy/unintentionally terrifying, as the pairing of Keys and Raitt can't miss. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Best Bets

FRI
10:00



Portlandia (IFC) Kristen Wiig (left, with Carrie Brownstein, center, and Fred Armisen) guest-stars on her "Saturday Night Live" co-star's sketch show as the demented fan of a local band that uses a cat to garner YouTube attention.

SUN
9:00

Masterpiece Classic (PBS) As "Downton Abbey" continues, the Spanish flu strikes, disrupting one match, hastening another and transforming the fortunes of all.

SUN
9:00

The Walking Dead (AMC) After the crushing midseason finale in which the survivors (including Rick, played by Andrew Lincoln, right) finally stopped looking for Sophia after becoming aware of her fate, fans of the post-apocalyptic zombie fest need their fix. Don't miss the dive back into the land where rotting flesh walks the Earth. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Reality



Silent Bob Speaks

Another entry in the male arrested-development genre, "Comic Book Men" (Sun., 10 p.m., AMC) consists of writer/director Kevin Smith, above, hanging out with his pals discussing comic book lore for a podcast. We also meet outsiders who arrive at their Red Bank, N.J., shop to see what their collections are worth. (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

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“Some of this brouhaha isn’t just about where to break news first; it’s also about top editors feeling a little less in control. Social media isn’t just challenging autocratic governments; it’s also a challenge to powerful editors who were once all dominant in their empires.”

— **KEVIN ANDERSON** at First-post.com/tech reacts to the BBC’s placing a higher priority on reporters’ sending new information to desk editors instead of having them post it on Twitter and other social networks.

“So I’m the only person who was expecting the [Expletive] in Paris’ video to be shot on location in let’s say Paris?”

— **@CTHAGOD**, co-host of “The Breakfast Club” on New York’s Power 105.1 FM, tweets after Jay-Z and Kanye West released their new video, which features mainly indoor concert footage from their U.S. tour.

“There are dozens of ways to phrase a clue leading to the Don McLean song ‘American Pie,’ and you go with a cover version by Wisconsin noise rock band Killdozer? You win, ‘Jeopardy!’ writers. The ability to take a band from Touch and Go Records, the Chicago independent label that gave outsider music lovers releases by Big Black and the Jesus Lizard, and casually drop it into a game show that was first created in 1964 is the ultimate trump card.”

— **BRANDON WEIGEL** at washingtonpost.com/blogs/arts-post was impressed by the game show’s writers, who have been upping their hipness factor with their clues recently, he purports.

“The [FBI official] said that [Steve] Jobs was suitable for a ‘high-level political position’ in government because ‘in his opinion, honesty and integrity are not prerequisites to assume such a position.’”

— **JOE BROCKMEIER** at Readwriteweb.com offers some thoughts after reading the late Apple CEO’s FBI file — which was released this week — in which one officer wrote that Jobs “has a tendency to distort reality in order to achieve his goals.”

“This is why nobody will ultimately care what the ‘One Million Moms’ hate group has to say about Ellen DeGeneres’ partnership with J.C. Penney. Everybody pretty much loves Ellen. ‘My haters are my motivators.’ And scene.”

— **EVAN HURST** at Truthwinsout.org was impressed how the talk show host addressed criticism from Moms for America, who have expressed outrage at J.C. Penney for hiring DeGeneres, a lesbian, to be a representative for the company.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may find yourself the center of attention today, and not all of it will make you feel good. Some criticism will surely come your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can put yourself on the fast track in some way, but you must be sure to warn others that things will be heating up quickly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Now is no time to hold back; say what needs to be said, do what needs to be done, and go where you need to go to maximize results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may surprise those around you by doing what you are least expected to do — but recent behavior should have given you away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Now is the time for you to contact others who may be able to offer you a way out of a situation that is unhealthy and unnecessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are waiting to hear from someone in authority before you make any decisions affecting your immediate future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The options you are considering may not address all concerns you have at this time. More information may be forthcoming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You must be sure that the options you are facing today are realistic and will not affect your reputation adversely in any way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may not understand just what is meant by a message received through uncommon channels today. An investigation is in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have to do a little sleuthing on your own today to pinpoint exactly what was done, and when, and why.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Once you get the ball rolling today, you can bet that others will come to your aid. One or two supporters will make all the difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have to get the assistance of many people far from your home base today before you can right a very simple wrong.

Scrabble Grams

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A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	N ₁	C ₃	C ₃	V ₄

Triple Word Score

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 RACK 1

A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	K ₅	L ₁	R ₁	F ₄

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 RACK 2

A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	L ₁	T ₁	F ₄	S ₁

2nd Letter Double

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 RACK 3

E ₁	I ₁	U ₁	S ₁	P ₃	P ₃	P ₃

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

R ₁	E ₁	T ₁	A ₁	K ₅	E ₁	N ₁
E ₁	M ₃	P ₃	A ₁	T ₁	H ₄	Y ₄
B ₃	U ₁	R ₁	L ₁	A ₁	P ₃	
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 RACK 3 = 10
 RACK 4 = 101
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Yesterday's Solution

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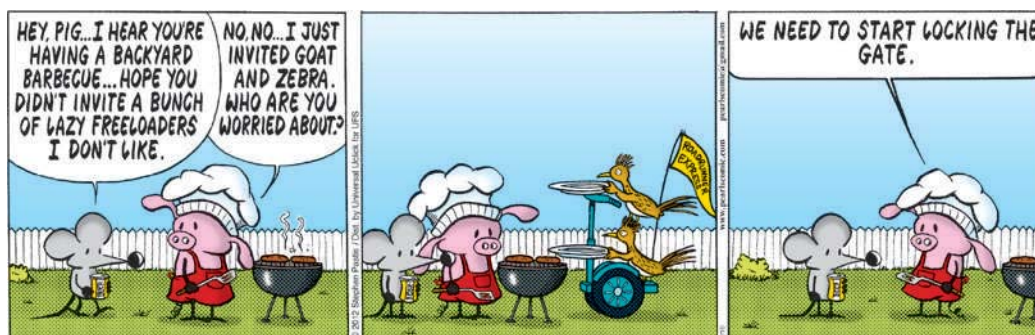
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51 | 38

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42 | 20

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Looking Ahead

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37 | 26 | 45 | 31 | 54 | 37

Sun and Moon

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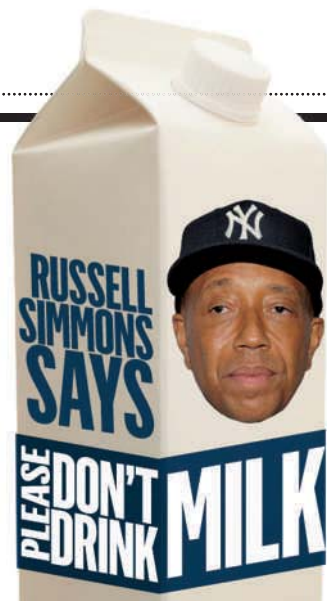
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Russell Simmons wants New York's governor to pull the plug on milk from cows. He writes in a letter to Andrew Cuomo that milk should no longer be the state's official beverage. Simmons, a vegan who has taken on several animal rights causes with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, says milk from cows is less healthy than milk from rice, almonds or soy. (AP)

SUPERIORITY**TMZ Stands on Carcasses Of Other Media, Makes Trophies of Their Spines**

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez got engaged sometime after Jan. 1, TMZ.com reports. "Halle Berry was not engaged to Olivier Martinez when numerous outlets reported she was back in December — but we found out ... SHE IS NOW!!!" TMZ bragged. Berry wants to move to France with Martinez and her daughter, Nahla. (EXPRESS)



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Exploitation**Bleu Ivy, Blu Ivy Also Secured**

Beyoncé and Jay-Z submitted paperwork to trademark the name of their daughter, Blue Ivy, Rolling Stone reported. The couple filed an application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and reportedly plan to use the name for a line of baby products. The application was submitted by Beyoncé's company, BGK Trademark Holdings. (EXPRESS)



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ALL-PURPOSE DIVORCE HEADLINE**And So It Goes ...**

A Los Angeles judge has finalized Katy Perry and Russell Brand's divorce. Perry indicated in a court filing Tuesday that she and Brand had reached a settlement of all issues in the case. On Wednesday, a Superior Court judge agreed to grant the couple's divorce, but it won't become official until July 14. In California, a divorce isn't official until six months after the couple filed. (AP)

**CONVENIENT****Interchangeable Starlets Ease the Casting Process**

Selena Gomez has replaced Miley Cyrus as the voice of Dracula's daughter, Mavis, in the upcoming computer-animated film "Hotel Transylvania." Adam Sandler voices Dracula, and his rep confirmed to E! Online that Gomez had been cast. A source told E! that Cyrus wanted more time to decide what to do next. (EXPRESS)

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